

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MIKE SUMMERS RETIREMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mr. Michael Summers on his retirement. Mike, a 40-year member, 12-year officer, and Business Manager of Ironworkers Local #395, has dedicated his life to the interests of his fellow tradesmen and the entire community in Northwest Indiana. For his lifetime of service to the Ironworkers and the Northwestern Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council, Mike will be honored at a retirement dinner taking place at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, IN, on May 13, 2011.

During his 40-year membership in Ironworkers Local #395, Mike has held many positions and assisted the Building Trades in numerous capacities. Mike has represented the Ironworkers Local #395 as Trustee to the Health and Welfare Plan, the Annuity Plan, and the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee. He has devoted much of his time to numerous boards and currently is a member of the Building Construction Resource Center. Additionally, he is a member of the Tri-Parte Committees for U.S. Steel, Arcelor Mittal Indiana Harbor, and Burns Harbor. Mike is the past President of the Northwestern Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council and has held elected office for the Ironworkers Local #395 as a Business Agent; currently, he is the Business Manager. Mike's passion, devotion, and continuous support to the Building Trades is truly remarkable and he is worthy of the highest praise.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty to its members and service to the community. Mike Summers has always displayed these qualities and I profoundly respect his unwavering dedication to his own members and all the members of the Building Trades. I also deeply value his community involvement that has touched and inspired so many. When it comes to serving those in need throughout the community, Michael Summers has always been the first in line. He is generous to a fault.

Mr. Speaker, Michael Summers has given his time and efforts selflessly to those he has worked with and represented. He has been a true role model to his peers and a true friend to Northwest Indiana. Personally, I have found no better or loyal friend. I treasure our friendship. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Mike for his outstanding contributions and in wishing him well upon his retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE MOCK TRIAL TEAM OF ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mock Trial team of Adams High School in South Bend, Indiana, winners of the 2011 National Mock Trial Competition. Adams High School once again displayed its superior Mock Trial skills in its second national title and tenth time placing in the top ten nationally. The competition, held in the Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. District Courthouse in Phoenix, Arizona on May 6 and 7, 2011, featured 48 teams from 43 states, Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, South Korea and Australia. Each team competed in four rounds before the final deciding match. Adams defeated the Missouri state champions to cap its remarkable season which included winning the Indiana state championship in March.

The team, nicknamed "The Ruckus," practiced 40 hours each week leading up to the national competition. The team members include seniors David Kern, Matt Caponigro, Toby Stoner, Peter Doyle, Geoff Burdell and Czesia Eid, and junior Jeremy Doyle. The team was coached by Adams teacher Heath Weaver with the assistance of Coaches John Scanlan, Erin Linder, Andrew Jones, Lucas Burkett, and timekeeper Maria Caponigro.

Mock Trial competitions require research, mastery of legal issues, honing of courtroom tactics, and strong teamwork. Each team is called on to prepare a legal case from the perspectives of both the plaintiff and defendant and assume the roles of lawyers and witnesses at trial. Peter Doyle was recognized as Best Witness in the national competition, an honor reflecting his extraordinary contribution to the victory. Again, I offer my congratulations to the members of the team, the coaches, Adams High School, and members of the community who supported the team throughout their training. The Adams Mock Trial team has represented Indiana, the City of South Bend, their school and themselves with excellence and distinction.

RECOGNIZING LT. DAVID LENO, A CHICAGO FIREFIGHTER, FOR RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a courageous public servant, Chicago firefighter, Lt. David Leno. Today, in front of the Illinois Fire Services Association's

Firefighter Memorial, Lt. Leno will be presented with the distinguished Medal of Valor. Lt. Leno's years of untiring service to the Chicago community remind us of the extraordinary altruism necessary to commit one's life to the service and protection of the community. Furthermore, this distinction recognizes his exemplary dedication to public safety and his commitment to duty.

The Medal of Valor is presented annually to firefighters who continually serve their communities without reservation in the face of danger or who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Nominated for this honor by Fire Commissioner Robert Hoff, today Lt. Leno will join the ranks of fellow Chicago servicemen and fallen comrades in receiving an award that recognizes outstanding dedication.

In his 22 years of service, Lt. Leno has distinguished himself time and time again with countless acts of heroism. In addition to being formally recognized in 2009 by Mayor Daley for coordinating and participating in the rescue of three victims from the third floor of a burning building, Lt. Leno was nominated for Chicago's Carter Harrison Award and won a Special Honorable Mention for his firefighting performance.

The 3rd District and Chicago are fortunate to have public servants like Lt. Leno whose tireless commitment to safeguarding his community sets an example for all. On behalf of the residents of Illinois' 3rd District, I thank Lt. David Leno for his outstanding devotion, demonstration of selflessness, and personal courage above and beyond the call of duty; and I congratulate him for his deservedly being awarded the Medal of Valor.

COMMEMORATING THE 103RD BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY NURSE CORPS AND 100 YEARS OF SERVICE ON GUAM

HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 103rd birthday of the United States Navy Nurse Corps, and their centennial anniversary of service on Guam. The Navy Nurse Corps has a long history in Guam and continues to be instrumental in supporting Guam's health care system by training local nurses and modernizing health care practices on the island. I would like to recognize and commend the Navy Nurse Corps's outstanding contributions and service to the United States Navy, our nation, and the people of Guam.

Upon their arrival in 1911, three Navy nurses established the U.S. Naval Hospital School for Native Nurses on Guam. This school provided important nursing education and training to local nurses who cared for patients in acute care hospitals, public health village dispensaries, and in people's homes. By

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1941, 89 local, Navy-trained nurses had graduated from the school.

The Navy Nurse Corps on Guam has also proved to be a critical part of the Navy's humanitarian response efforts in the region. In 1975, Navy Nurses played an important role in "Operation New Life," which brought over 100,000 refugees from South Vietnam to Guam. In 1991, following the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines, Guam Navy Nurses supported "Operation Fiery Vigil," which conducted the largest peacetime U.S. military evacuation in history, affecting more than 20,000 military personnel and their families. Guam Navy Nurses also provided immediate, critical care as part of the medical teams that responded to Korean Airline Flight 801, which crashed in Nimitz Hill on Guam in 1997.

Today, with more than 100 Navy Nurses on Guam, the Navy Nurse Corps continues to serve our local community by caring for our active duty service members, retirees, veterans, and their families at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, the Branch Clinic, and the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic. They remain active in the civilian community, serving on various committees and projects, including the Guam Nurses Association, Guam Association of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, the Guam Diabetes Association, the Guam Lions Club, the American Cancer Society, and the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I express a sincere un danguko na si Yu'os ma'ase to the men and women of the Navy Nurse Corps for 100 years of exceptional service to our island and community.

IN RECOGNITION OF GAINESVILLE
MAYOR GLENN LOCH'S RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mayor Glenn Loch of Gainesville, Texas. Mayor Loch has served at different times as both a beneficiary and champion of the American dream. In the 1960's, he came to Gainesville for the first time with his wife Helen and their new baby. They had nothing to their name but a mattress, yet with some help from the community and a willingness to work hard, Loch became first councilman and eventually Mayor all in the course of ten years. He is now the longest tenured mayor in Gainesville history, and in his work, endeavors to repay the kindness the community bestowed when he was still a stranger to them.

From the time of his first term in 1974, Gainesville has undergone fantastic transformations. The downtown area, dilapidated after the oil bust of the 1980's, is now, according to Mr. Loch, "second to none." He also kicked off the "Take Pride in Gainesville" campaign. This campaign seeks to clean up Gainesville both "trash-wise" and "crime-wise." Initiatives in this campaign include redesigned frontage roads along both sides of Interstate Highway 35, improving access and traffic flow. Loch has continually sought to help Gainesville remain a place where people

are proud to live, with thriving businesses, jobs that pay well, and an involved community of citizens.

It is this ingenuity that prompted me to partner with Mayor Loch on the Pecan Creek Project. I had noticed the flooding problem in that area for years, and when Mayor Loch asked me to help him by communicating with Congress to appropriate funds for the project, I knew it was important that I take part. Since then, construction for the drainage project is underway. Additionally, Loch oversaw the acquisition of 10,800 acre feet of water rights from Lake Texoma, providing Gainesville with enough water for the next fifty years.

On the threshold of Mayor Loch's retirement, I am pleased to have had the chance to speak for a moment about this inspirational man. His story, as effectively as anyone's, celebrates the true meaning of the American Dream. The American Dream is about taking opportunity by the horns. The American Dream is about working tirelessly to make the most of that opportunity. Most importantly, however, the American Dream is about paying it forward, ensuring that those down the line have the chance to do the same. It's about bringing the dream full circle. On behalf of the 26th District of Texas, I thank Mayor Loch for his service to Gainesville and the citizens of America.

HONORING DOS PUEBLOS HIGH
SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Dos Pueblos High School Science Bowl Team. Michael Feldman, Daniel Gay, Ilan Goodman, Andy Granatelli, Daniel Richman and their coach Chris Jones made the South and Central Coast proud this month as representatives from California at the 2011 National Science Bowl, sponsored by the US Department of Energy in DC.

The U.S. Department of Energy National Science Bowl is a nationwide academic competition that tests students' knowledge in all areas of science. High school and middle school students are quizzed in a fast paced question-and-answer format similar to Jeopardy. Competing teams from diverse backgrounds are comprised of four students, one alternate, and a teacher who serves as an advisor and coach. The National Science Bowl's high school competition involves more than 13,000 students and is the only science competition in the United States sponsored by a federal agency.

In addition to their academic expertise, these students and their coach proved to be a popular and supportive team in DC. Honored by their peers, the DP team won the Civility Award, which recognizes excellent sportsmanship. In honor of winning this award, the team earned a nine-day trip to Alaska to study the region's glacial, biological and geological treasures.

Mr. Speaker, we speak often in DC of "winning the future." I'm so proud to represent this remarkable group of students, and their coach, who are working tirelessly towards this goal. Today I mark their accomplishment and en-

courage all young people across the country to follow their example, and push themselves in math and science fields. Our competitiveness as a nation depends on it.

HONORING MICHAEL MCKENNA
HOPPENRATH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael McKenna Hoppenrath. Michael is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Michael has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Michael McKenna Hoppenrath for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CAPTAIN GREG L.
GARNER

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Fresno Police Department Captain Greg L. Garner; and to thank him for his 32 years of selfless service to his community.

Captain Garner was born on February 4, 1959 in Madera, California. After graduating from Madera High School, Captain Garner went on to earn a Bachelors of Science in Criminology and a Master's of Science in Law Enforcement Administration from California State University, Fresno. He started his career with the Fresno Police Department in 1979 as a cadet, and worked his way through the ranks to become Police Officer, Police Sergeant, Police Lieutenant, and Police Captain in 2001.

During the tenure of his service, Captain Garner has received multiple awards and accolades. In 2008 the Fresno Police Department Traffic Unit under his command received the 2008 National Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award. That same unit was recognized as the number one Child Safety Program in the nation by the Office of Traffic Safety, and appeared on the cover of USA Today Magazine in recognition of the unit's efforts to improve traffic safety.

When off-duty, Captain Garner is actively involved in community causes, such as the Downtown Revitalization Committee, Bring Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life Program,